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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: AFGHANISTAN'S KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT

REF: SECSTATE 258463

1. EMBASSY TALKED TO ACTING PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIES AHMAD ALI ABAWI REGARDING CURRENT STATUS OF KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT. ABAWI STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF FULLER REP GREEF'S LAST VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN THE MINISTRY HAD BEEN EXPECTING A FOLLOW-UP VISIT FROM AN IRANIAN DELEGATION TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE MINISTRY HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED WHEN OR IF THE IRANIANS WOULD BE VISITING KABUL.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS DEFINITELY STILL INTERESTED IN THE KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT. A CZECH EMBASSY OFFICIAL TOLD US A FEW DAYS AGO THAT THE CZECH'S ARE PROPOSING TO BUILD A SMALLER CEMENT PLANT IN KANDAHAR SIMILAR TO THE 800 PER DAY FACILITY THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS NOW CONSTRUCTING IN HERAT. THE CZECH'S POSITION IS THAT THE DOMESTIC AND EXPORT MARKET FOR CEMENT IN THIS REGION DOES NOT JUSTIFY CONSTRUCTION OF THE 1600 TON PER DAY PLANT THAT FULLER PROPOSES.

3. FINANCING IS PERHAPS THE KEY FACTOR INFLUENCING A GOA DECISION ON KANDAHAR CEMENT. THE CZECH'S CREDIT TERMS FOR THE HERAT CEMENT PLANT WERE REPORTEDLY LIBERAL (ALTHOUGH THE PRICE FOR THE PLANT WAS HIGH), AND WE ASSUME THAT THEY CAN
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ALSO OFFER AN ATTRACTIVE FINANCIAL PACKAGE FOR THE KANDAHAR CEMENT PLANT.
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